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MEMORANDUM FOR Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes Project Staff

SUBJECT: Project Policy 05-02, Fishing Tournament Policy

1. **Definition:** The U.S Army Corps of Engineers at Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes considers a tournament to be any gathering on any lake where 10 or more individuals fish during a specified time period with the intent of giving prizes for catches.

2. **Policy Guidance:**

A. Prior to fishing tournaments taking place at the Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes Project, proper permits must be obtained from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

1) Permit applications for fishing tournaments must be made on the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Form PFBC-500 (9/96) within the time limits prescribed.

B. Each tournament day requested requires a separate application form and a separate payment. Applications will be denied if more than one date is requested per application or if payment is not enclosed for all enclosed tournament applications

1) A tournament fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a closed tournament and fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for an open tournament will be forwarded with each application. Checks will be made payable to USAED, Baltimore, not the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

2) Tournament applications with the appropriate check(s) attached must be mailed to:

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Northcentral Region
P.O. Box 5306
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

3) No tournaments will occur on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or their corresponding weekends (Saturday or Sunday), or on the opening day of Pennsylvania bass season.

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4) Tournaments are limited at any one lake to two closed tournaments per day; each limited to thirty (30) boats, or to one open tournament limited to sixty (60) boats. Only one tournament will be allowed on the same day at any one boat launch.

5) Tournament parking may occupy no more than fifty percent (50%) of the parking spaces at any boat launch parking lot.

6) A permit does not grant the exclusive use of project lands or waters. Every effort will be made to ensure that your use of project resources does not preclude public use of those resources.

7) The United States will not be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons that may occur during these events.

8) Participants will adhere to all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

9) The engaging in or solicitation of business, collection of entry fees is prohibited on project property.

10) Admission to the event will be open to the general public without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age. Participation in the event may be limited to members of the sponsoring group provided that the group does not unlawfully discriminate against participation in the event on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age. Request for special events permits citing "special circumstances" for participation requiring gender or age discrimination must be accompanied by an exceedingly persuasive justification. This may be appropriate for activities such as contact sports and sports such as tennis, golf, or competitive swimming. Fishing tournaments do not qualify for discrimination based on gender.

3. **Duration:** This policy will remain in effect until rescinded.

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